



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 28, 2003

**S. 500
Beaufort, South Carolina, Study Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on
May 21, 2003*

S. 500 would direct the Department of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of historic sites in Beaufort County, South Carolina, to determine if they could be collectively designated as a unit of the National Park System. The bill also would direct the department to conduct a national historic landmark theme study to identify sites in the United States that are significant to the Reconstruction Era. S. 500 would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for the two studies and require the department to report its findings and recommendations to the Congress within three years of receiving funds.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that it would cost about \$300,000 over the next three years to complete the required studies and report. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 500 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.